(d) and (e) The meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on 23rd August, 2006. The delay has occurred due to administrative reasons. The recurrence of such delays will be avoided in future.

Disappearance of tigers from Sariska reserve

1845. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have found some evidence reports about the disappearance of several tigers from Sariska; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Based on directives from this Ministry, the Wildlife Institute of India has conducted an assessment of status of tigers in Sariska Tiger Reserve, and has reported that there is no evidence of tiger in the said Tiger Reserve. The Special Investigation Team of the Central Bureau of Investigation has also reported the disappearnace of tiger from Sariska, primarily on account of poaching.

Proposals regarding development of National Parks and Sanctuaries in Rajasthan

1846. DR.. GYAN PARKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by the Government of Rajasthan, regarding the development of National parks and sanctuaries;

(b) the number of proposals approved/still pending; and

(c) by when these proposals would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The proposals for financial assistance to National Parks and Sanctuaries under Centrally Sponsored Schemes of "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries" and "Project Tiger:' are received from the state Government every year. During the 2006-07, sixteen proposals, submitted by the Government of Rajasthan have been received by this Ministry, of which, eight have already been sanctioned. The remaining eight proposals submitted by the State Government are under process in the Ministry and decision in this regard